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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT GROWS OVER THE MONTH: In the middle of February of this year, total employment in the State was estimated to be 2,708,200--a net monthly increase of 14,400 people (+0.5 percent). Each of the three principal employment segments enjoyed gains from mid-January to mid-February. The "all other" non-agricultural employment sector experienced a modest increase of 300 workers (+0.1 percent); agricultural employment began its seasonal growth by adding 2,400 employees (+6.0 percent); and nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 11,700 persons (+0.5 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT RISES NOMINALLY: Statewide manufacturing employment was estimated to be 806,500 in the middle of February, 1984, a small net monthly increase of 100 workers. The durable goods sector, however, rose by 2,300 employees (+0.7 percent) as all industry groups, except one, displayed noticeable improvement. Machinery, except electrical, registered the largest net monthly increase in durable goods, rising by 500 people (+1.0 percent) due to general employment growth. Electrical machinery was a close second, up by 400 workers (+0.7 percent) due to an increase in business. The nondurable goods sector, on the other hand, sustained a net monthly loss of 2,200 people (-0.4 percent) which almost completely offset the increase in durable goods. The largest reduction in nondurable goods was seasonal in nature and took place in tobacco manufacturing, which fell by 1,000 workers (-4.4 percent) as employment dropped in both cigarette manufacturing and stemmeries. Following that was food and kindred products, which declined by 700 persons (-1.6 percent) over the month due to the seasonal cutback in canning employment.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT RECORDS SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE: From the middle of January to the middle of February of this year, North Carolina's nonmanufacturing employment grew by 12,400 workers (+0.8 percent) for a February estimate of 1,642,700. Most of the industry groups experienced over-the-month employment growth with the largest gains occurring in government, +7,100; service and miscellaneous, +3,700; and construction, +1,200. Seasonal factors were responsible for most of the growth.

MANUFACTURING AND NONMANUFACTURING WELL AHEAD OF LAST YEAR: The State's manufacturing employment rose by 41,100 people (+5.4 percent) from February, 1983, to February, 1984. The four industry groups exhibiting the largest worker increases were textile mill products, +9.100; furniture and fixtures, +7,200; electrical machinery, +4,800; and nonelectrical machinery, +4,200. Nonmanufacturing employment really jumped over the year (+78,900 or 5.0 percent) as every industry group added workers. These were the four which led the way: trade, +34,800; construction, +15,600; government, +10,600; and service and miscellaneous, +10,100.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES NOTICEABLY: During the mid-week of February, 1984, total unemployment in the State was estimated to be 222,100. That figure represented a net monthly decrease of 14,600 persons (-6.2 percent). As a result, North Carolina's unadjusted rate of unemployment fell from 8.1 percent in January to 7.6 percent in February. One year ago (February, 1984) the unemployment situation was much worse as there were 330,900 jobless people for an unemployment

rate of 11.3 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 8.4 percent in February, 1984, 8.8 percent in January, 1984, and 11.3 percent in February, 1983. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 7.8 percent this February, 8.0 percent in January, and 10.4 percent in February, 1983.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

FEBRUARY, 1984

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
				January, 1984		February, 1983	
	February 2/ 1984	January 3/ 1984	February 1983	Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	2,930,300	2,930,500	2,919,700	- 200	•	+ 10,600	+ 0.4
Employment, Total	2,708,200	2,693,800	2,588,800	+ 14,400	+ 0.5	+ 119,400	+ 4.6
Agricultural Employment	42,200	39,800	45,400	+ 2,400	+ 6.0	- 3,200	- 7.0
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,375,300	2,363,600	2,267,400	+ 11,700	+ 0.5	+ 107,900	+ 4.8
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	290,700	290,400	276,000	+ 300	+ 0.1	+ 14,700	+ 5.3
Unemployment, Total	222,100	236,700	330,900	- 14,600	- 6.2	- 108,800	- 32.9
State Unadjusted Rate	7.6	8.1	11.3	- 0.5	xxx	- 3.7	xxx
National Rate (Unadjusted)	8.4	8.8	11.3	- 0.4	xxx	- 2.9	xxx
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.8	8.0	10.4	- 0.2	xxx	- 2.6	xxx

1/ All data revised to reflect 1983 benchmark revisions.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised estimates.
4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
• Less than 0.05 percent.

HOURLY EARNINGS INCREASE WHILE HOURS WORKED REMAIN CONSTANT: The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers inched forward by 2¢ an hour (+0.3 percent) to $6.92 from mid-January to mid-February of this year. There has been a net yearly increase of 33¢ an hour (+5.0 percent). The durable goods sector experienced modest over-the-month growth of 2¢ an hour to reach $7.15 this February. Over the year the average in durable goods industries rose by 37¢ an hour (+5.5 percent). Fabricated metal products led the way in durable goods with net monthly growth of 11¢ an hour (+1.4 percent) to hit $7.73. Furniture and fixtures was next, recording a net over-the-month gain of 5¢ an hour (+0.8 percent) to average $6.15 in February, 1984. The nondurable goods sector also displayed a 2¢ an hour increase for a February average of $6.78. Since February, 1983, average hourly earnings in nondurables has grown by 28¢ an hour (+4.3 percent). Tobacco was the nondurable goods industry group which had the largest net over-the-month climb, up by 51¢ an hour (+4.4 percent) to $12.06. That sharp increase was mainly due to the seasonal layoff of 900 lower paid stemming and redrying workers. Paper and allied products followed with a net monthly rise of 15¢ an hour (+1.5 percent) for a February, 1984, average of $10.47. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees rose by just 79¢ (+0.3 percent) to $274.72 from the middle of January to the middle of February, 1984. However, there was a good net yearly gain of $24.30 (+9.7 percent). Average weekly hours stayed the same over the month at 39.7 but were 1.7 hours above February of 1983.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX CONTINUES TO INCREASE: According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers rose to 306.6 in February, 1984. That was a monthly increase of 0.5 percent plus a yearly gain of 4.6 percent. The cost of medical care rose the most over the month, up by 1.0 percent. The food and beverages category was a close second, climbing by 0.9 percent from January to February of this year. Then came entertainment, rising by 0.6 percent over the month. Two of the major groups (apparel and upkeep and transportation) displayed a small monthly decline of 0.1 percent. Basically, what the index means is that goods and services which cost $100.00 in 1967, the base year, cost $306.60 in February, 1984.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS INCREASES: There were 161,824 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina as of February 29, 1984. That figure represented a net monthly gain of 2,887 persons (+1.8 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine segment was by far the largest applicant segment by age with 100,797 or 62.3 percent of the total. The forty to fifty-four year olds followed, numbering 27,838 or 17.2 percent. Once again the fifty-five and over sector was the smallest with a count of 9,094 or 5.6 percent of the total. Males comprised the majority of the active applicants (50.1 percent of 81,094). The largest ethnic group was white, not Hispanic, with 94,868 or 58.6 percent of the total. The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of February 29, 1984.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE
February 29, 1984

	Number	Percent
Total	161,824	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	24,095	14.9
22 - 39	100,797	62.3
40 - 54	27,838	17.2
55 and Over	9,094	5.6
Sex		
Male	81,094	50.1
Female	80,730	49.9
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	94,868	58.6
Black, not Hispanic	63,525	39.3
Hispanic	603	0.4
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,011	1.2
Other Races and Undetermined	817	0.5
Eligible Claimant	68,650	42.4
Veteran	26,969	16.7
Handicapped	10,035	6.2
Welfare	18,291	11.3
Seasonal Farmworker	1,142	0.7

JOB OPENINGS RISE IN FEBRUARY: There were 15,238 job openings received by the Job Service offices across the State during the month of February, 1984. That was a net over-the-month gain of 1,918 jobs (+14.4 percent). A good percentage of those openings was filled (71.6 percent of 10,907). The largest number of job openings received in February was in structural work, which had 2,419 and 1,574 or 65.1 percent were filled. The service category followed with 2,387 job openings received and 1,703 or 71.3 percent filled. Next came the clerical segment with 2,182 openings received and 1,344 or 61.6 percent filled. Processing had the fewest job openings received in February with only 538; however, most of those were filled (388 or 72.1 percent). From October 1, 1983, through February 29, 1984, there were 79,372 job openings received by the Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. The majority of those job openings was filled (63,382 or 79.9 percent). As of February 29, 1984, there were 10,321 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file. A large percentage of those jobs (51.8 percent or 5,349) had been open for thirty days or more and had therefore been classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on Statewide job openings for February, 1984, and for the fiscal year to date.

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

	February, 1984		Fiscal Year To Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Feb. 29,1984	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	787	305	3,750	1,639	1,137	658
Clerical	2,182	1,344	9,804	6,388	1,478	591
Sales	607	323	3,650	2,492	617	323
Service	2,387	1,703	11,578	9,017	1,581	804
Domestic	164	143	1,016	899	41	31
Other Services	2,223	1,560	10,562	8,118	1,540	773
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	852	799	11,854	11,691	120	48
Processing	538	388	2,861	2,621	379	223
Machine Trades	1,585	1,175	6,759	5,116	1,130	709
Bench Work	2,000	1,683	8,562	7,586	1,347	790
Structural Work	2,419	1,574	10,858	8,221	1,796	902
Miscellaneous	1,881	1,613	9,696	8,611	736	301
Motor Freight and Trans.	400	266	2,000	1,439	239	90
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	1,405	1,323	7,395	6,990	439	193
Other	76	24	301	182	58	18
Total	15,238	10,907	79,372	63,382	10,321	5,349

1/ October 1, 1983, through February 29, 1984.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	February 1984 (Thous.)	January 1984 (Thous.)	February 1983 (Thous.)	January 1984	February 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,449.2	2,436.7	2,329.2	+ 0.5	+ 5.2
MANUFACTURING	806.5	806.4	765.4	+ 0.01	+ 5.4
DURABLE GOODS	312.6	310.3	285.5	+ 0.7	+ 9.5
Lumber & Wood Products	35.3	35.0	32.1	+ 0.9	+10.0
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.3	13.2	11.8	+ 0.8	+12.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.7	8.6	7.7	+ 1.2	+13.0
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.8	3.7	3.0	+ 2.7	+26.7
Furniture & Fixtures	82.8	82.6	75.6	+ 0.2	+ 9.5
Household Furniture	73.7	73.7	67.4	0	+ 9.3
Wood Household Furniture	37.6	37.4	33.7	+ 0.5	+11.6
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.8	31.0	28.7	- 0.6	+ 7.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.1	17.8	15.2	+ 1.7	+19.1
Structural Clay Products	2.4	2.4	1.8	0	+33.3
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.7	4.6	4.2	+ 2.2	+11.9
Primary Metal Industries	9.9	9.7	8.7	+ 2.1	+13.8
Fabricated Metal Products	24.0	24.0	23.5	0	+ 2.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.1	8.2	8.8	- 1.2	- 8.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	52.2	51.7	48.0	+ 1.0	+ 8.8
Special Industry Machinery	8.0	7.9	6.9	+ 1.3	+15.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	56.8	56.4	52.0	+ 0.7	+ 9.2
Household Appliances	5.5	5.6	5.0	- 1.8	+10.0
Transportation Equipment	18.7	18.5	16.2	+ 1.1	+15.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.8	14.6	14.2	+ 1.4	+ 4.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	493.9	496.1	479.9	- 0.4	+ 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	42.5	43.2	42.1	- 1.6	+ 1.0
Meat Products	16.8	16.8	16.7	0	+ 0.6
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 4.0	0
Dairy Products	2.7	2.8	2.8	- 3.6	- 3.6
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Bakery Products	7.9	7.9	7.8	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.3	6.5	6.4	- 3.1	- 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.6	22.6	24.1	- 4.4	-10.4
Cigarettes	18.4	18.6	19.5	- 1.1	- 5.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.5	3.4	3.9	-26.5	-35.9
Textile Mill Products	226.4	227.0	217.3	- 0.3	+ 4.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	63.4	63.9	61.9	- 0.8	+ 2.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton	33.6	34.2	33.7	- 1.8	- 0.3
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	29.6	29.5	28.0	+ 0.3	+ 5.7
Knitting Mills	80.7	80.6	74.8	+ 0.1	+ 7.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.7	24.2	21.1	+ 2.1	+17.1
Hosiery, NEC	22.7	22.6	21.4	+ 0.4	+ 6.1
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.9	15.1	14.4	- 1.3	+ 3.5
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.0	7.0	6.1	0	+14.8
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.5	14.3	14.1	+ 1.4	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	54.7	55.1	53.6	- 0.7	+ 2.1

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February, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	February 1984 (Thous.)	January 1984 (Thous.)	February 1983 (Thous.)	January 1984	February 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	87.3	87.4	84.3	- 0.1	+ 3.6
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.4	27.6	27.2	- 0.7	+ 0.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.5	41.3	39.8	+ 0.5	+ 4.3
Paper & Allied Products	22.5	22.5	22.1	0	+ 1.8
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.9	10.9	10.9	0	0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.3	7.2	6.7	+ 1.4	+ 9.0
Printing & Publishing	23.3	23.1	22.4	+ 0.9	+ 4.0
Newspapers	8.8	8.8	8.4	0	+ 4.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.9	37.7	37.5	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.8	13.9	13.9	- 0.7	- 0.7
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	27.2	27.2	24.6	0	+10.6
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.2	5.4	5.5	- 3.7	- 5.5
NONMANUFACTURING	1,642.7	1,630.3	1,563.8	+ 0.8	+ 5.0
MINING	4.3	4.3	4.2	0	+ 2.4
CONSTRUCTION	113.8	112.6	98.2	+ 1.1	+15.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	120.4	119.8	117.0	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	60.2	59.8	57.3	+ 0.7	+ 5.1
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.1	55.0	54.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	513.4	513.7	478.6	- 0.1	+ 7.3
Wholesale Trade	121.0	120.5	116.5	+ 0.4	+ 3.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	72.4	71.8	68.4	+ 0.8	+ 5.8
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	48.6	48.7	48.1	- 0.2	+ 1.0
Retail Trade	392.4	393.2	362.1	- 0.2	+ 8.4
General Merchandise Stores	54.1	54.9	51.1	- 1.5	+ 5.9
Variety Stores	11.2	11.3	10.5	- 0.9	+ 6.7
Food Stores	64.4	64.9	62.2	- 0.8	+ 3.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	102.4	102.3	98.1	+ 0.1	+ 4.4
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	365.0	361.3	354.9	+ 1.0	+ 2.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	19.5	19.1	18.4	+ 2.1	+ 6.0
Personal Services	24.5	24.2	23.8	+ 1.2	+ 2.9
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	9.9	10.0	9.9	- 1.0	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	423.4	416.3	412.8	+ 1.7	+ 2.6
Federal	50.2	50.1	48.6	+ 0.2	+ 3.3
State	126.1	119.1	121.9	+ 5.2	+ 3.4
Education	68.1	62.2	63.9	+ 9.5	+ 6.6
Other	58.0	57.7	58.0	+ 0.5	0
Local	247.1	246.3	242.3	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
Education	137.5	136.9	134.4	+ 0.4	+ 2.3
Other	109.6	109.4	107.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.6

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/
February, 1984
(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	February 1984 (Thous)	January 1984 (Thous)	February 1983 (Thous)	January 1984	February 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,477.0	2,467.6	2,354.8	+ 0.4	+ 5.2
MANUFACTURING	811.9	812.1	770.8	*	+ 5.3
DURABLE GOODS	314.7	312.1	287.5	+ 0.8	+ 9.5
Lumber & Wood Products	36.1	35.9	32.8	+ 0.6	+10.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.6	13.6	12.0	0	+13.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.9	8.7	7.9	+ 2.3	+12.7
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.0	3.9	3.2	+ 2.6	+25.0
Furniture & Fixtures	82.7	82.0	75.5	+ 0.9	+ 9.5
Household Furniture	73.6	73.3	67.3	+ 0.4	+ 9.4
Wood Household Furniture	37.9	37.5	33.9	+ 1.1	+11.8
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.8	30.8	28.7	0	+ 7.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.5	18.1	15.6	+ 2.2	+18.6
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.6	2.0	+ 3.8	+35.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.9	4.8	4.3	+ 2.1	+14.0
Primary Metal Industries	10.0	9.8	8.8	+ 2.0	+13.6
Fabricated Metal Products	24.2	24.1	23.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.2	8.2	8.9	0	- 7.9
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	52.3	51.5	48.1	+ 1.6	+ 8.7
Special Industry Machinery	8.0	7.8	6.9	+ 2.6	+15.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	57.2	57.4	52.4	- 0.3	+ 9.2
Household Appliances	6.0	6.3	5.4	- 4.8	+11.1
Transportation Equipment	18.8	18.7	16.3	+ 0.5	+15.3
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.9	14.6	14.3	+ 2.1	+ 4.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	497.2	500.0	483.3	- 0.6	+ 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	43.5	44.2	43.1	- 1.6	+ 0.9
Meat Products	16.7	16.9	16.6	- 1.2	+ 0.6
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 4.0	0
Dairy Products	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 3.4	- 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.4	6.7	6.5	- 4.5	- 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.1	23.0	24.7	- 3.9	-10.5
Cigarettes	18.4	18.6	19.5	- 1.1	- 5.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.8	3.6	4.4	-22.2	-36.4
Textile Mill Products	227.5	228.6	218.4	- 0.5	+ 4.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	63.8	63.8	62.2	0	+ 2.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	33.2	33.9	37.2	- 2.1	-10.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.1	29.6	28.5	+ 1.7	+ 5.6
Knitting Mills	81.1	81.7	75.2	- 0.7	+ 7.8
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.7	24.2	21.1	+ 2.1	+17.1
Hosiery, NEC	22.9	23.2	21.6	- 1.3	+ 6.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.9	15.3	14.4	- 2.6	+ 3.5
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.1	7.2	6.2	- 1.4	+14.5
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.7	14.5	14.3	+ 1.4	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	54.9	55.1	53.7	- 0.4	+ 2.2

*Less than 0.05 percent.

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Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.5	41.8	39.8	- 0.7	+ 4.3
Paper & Allied Products	22.4	22.3	22.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.8
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.8	10.8	10.8	0	0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.3	7.2	6.7	+ 1.4	+ 9.0
Printing & Publishing	23.1	22.8	22.2	+ 1.3	+ 4.1
Newspapers	8.8	8.8	8.4	0	+ 4.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	38.0	37.8	37.6	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.9	14.0	14.0	- 0.7	- 0.7
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	27.6	27.7	25.0	- 0.4	+10.4
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.3	5.5	5.6	- 3.6	- 5.4
NONMANUFACTURING	1,665.1	1,655.5	1,584.0	- 0.6	+ 5.1
MINING	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ 2.3
CONSTRUCTION	123.3	121.2	106.4	+ 1.7	+15.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	121.0	121.3	117.7	- 0.2	+ 2.8
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	60.8	61.0	57.9	- 0.3	+ 5.0
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.4	55.1	54.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	528.0	522.3	491.9	+ 1.1	+ 7.3
Wholesale Trade	123.0	121.9	118.5	+ 0.9	+ 3.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	72.7	72.1	68.7	+ 0.8	+ 5.8
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	50.3	49.8	49.8	+ 1.0	+ 1.0
Retail Trade	405.0	400.4	373.4	+ 1.1	+ 8.5
General Merchandise Stores	56.2	54.5	53.2	+ 3.1	+ 5.6
Variety Stores	11.7	11.5	11.0	+ 1.7	+ 6.4
Food Stores	65.4	65.3	63.2	+ 0.2	+ 3.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	103.4	103.4	99.1	0	+ 4.3
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	371.7	369.8	361.4	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.1	22.2	20.9	- 0.5	+ 5.7
Personal Services	23.7	23.6	23.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.0
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.0	10.1	10.0	- 1.0	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	413.3	413.1	403.2	*	+ 2.5
Federal	50.6	50.5	49.0	+ 0.2	+ 3.3
State	122.9	121.4	118.9	+ 1.2	+ 3.4
Education	64.4	62.8	60.4	+ 2.5	+ 6.6
Other	58.5	58.6	58.5	- 0.2	0
Local	239.8	241.2	235.3	- 0.6	+ 1.9
Education	129.0	130.0	126.1	- 0.8	+ 2.3
Other	110.8	111.2	109.2	- 0.4	+ 1.5

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.
* Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1984

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	February 1984	January 1984	February 1983	January 1984	February 1983
MANUFACTURING	647.1	647.4	610.1	*	+ 6.1
DURABLE GOODS	238.7	236.8	216.4	+ 0.8	+10.3
Lumber & Wood Products	30.0	29.8	27.9	+ 0.7	+ 7.5
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.6	7.5	6.8	+ 1.3	+11.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.2	3.0	2.4	+ 6.7	+33.3
Furniture & Fixtures	74.0	73.8	66.6	+ 0.3	+11.1
Household Furniture	66.6	66.5	60.1	+ 0.2	+10.8
Wood Household Furniture	34.8	34.6	30.7	+ 0.6	+13.4
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	14.8	14.5	12.0	+ 2.1	+23.3
Structural Clay Products	1.9	1.8	1.3	+ 5.6	+46.2
Primary Metal Industries	7.4	7.2	6.2	+ 2.8	+19.4
Fabricated Metal Products	17.9	17.9	17.3	0	+ 3.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	27.1	26.8	25.7	+ 1.1	+ 5.4
Special Industry Machinery	5.3	5.2	4.7	+ 1.9	+12.8
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	41.1	40.8	36.8	+ 0.7	+11.7
Household Appliances	4.9	4.9	4.3	0	+14.0
Transportation Equipment	15.2	15.0	13.1	+ 1.3	+16.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	408.4	410.6	393.7	- 0.5	+ 3.7
Food & Kindred Products	29.0	29.5	28.3	- 1.7	+ 2.5
Meat Products	14.8	14.8	14.2	0	+ 4.2
Meat Packing	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Dairy Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 5.6
Bakery Products	4.4	4.5	4.5	- 2.2	- 2.2
Beverages	2.3	2.4	2.5	- 4.2	- 8.0
Tobacco Manufacturers	17.0	18.1	19.5	- 6.1	-12.8
Cigarettes	14.8	14.9	15.8	- 0.7	- 6.3
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.6	2.6	3.1	-38.5	-48.4
Textile Mill Products	202.4	203.0	192.5	- 0.3	+ 5.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	57.7	58.2	54.7	- 0.9	+ 5.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton	30.7	31.2	30.0	- 1.6	+ 2.3
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	26.8	26.8	24.6	0	+ 8.9
Knitting Mills	71.3	71.2	65.9	+ 0.1	+ 8.2
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	21.6	21.4	18.7	+ 0.9	+15.5
Hosiery, NEC	20.7	20.7	19.6	0	+ 5.6
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.8	12.9	12.5	- 0.8	+ 2.4
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.1	5.1	+ 1.6	+21.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.1	11.9	11.6	+ 1.7	+ 4.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.4	50.7	49.4	- 0.6	+ 2.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.0	77.1	74.0	- 0.1	+ 4.1
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	24.8	25.0	24.6	- 0.8	+ 0.8
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	35.8	35.6	34.1	+ 0.6	+ 5.0
Paper & Allied Products	17.2	17.2	16.8	0	+ 2.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	8.0	8.0	8.0	0	0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.6	5.6	5.2	0	+ 7.7
Printing & Publishing	14.2	14.1	13.9	+ 0.7	+ 2.2
Newspapers	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 6.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.1	24.9	24.3	+ 0.8	+ 3.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.9	9.9	9.5	0	+ 4.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	22.0	22.0	19.6	0	+12.2
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.5	4.7	4.8	- 4.3	- 6.2

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

* Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/
February, 1984

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983
MANUFACTURING	$274.72	$273.93	$250.42	39.7	39.7	38.0	$ 6.92	$ 6.90	$ 6.59
DURABLE GOODS	285.29	285.91	254.25	39.9	40.1	37.5	7.15	7.13	6.78
Lumber & Wood Products	225.62	231.20	214.88	38.9	40.0	38.1	5.80	5.78	5.64
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	228.34	232.15	206.64	40.2	40.8	37.3	5.68	5.69	5.54
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	227.01	242.63	256.41	34.5	37.5	38.5	6.58	6.47	6.66
Furniture & Fixtures	232.47	229.97	200.45	37.8	37.7	34.8	6.15	6.10	5.76
Household Furniture	232.71	228.38	201.25	37.9	37.5	35.0	6.14	6.09	5.75
Wood Household Furniture	234.23	228.54	200.72	39.7	39.0	36.1	5.90	5.86	5.56
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	304.44	311.54	274.78	40.7	41.1	37.9	7.48	7.58	7.25
Structural Clay Products	244.42	245.50	213.93	40.2	41.4	37.4	6.08	5.93	5.72
Primary Metal Industries	360.14	359.20	320.32	45.3	44.9	41.6	7.95	8.00	7.70
Fabricated Metal Products	314.61	311.66	288.95	40.7	40.9	39.1	7.73	7.62	7.39
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	332.47	331.25	306.87	41.3	41.2	38.6	8.05	8.04	7.95
Special Industry Machinery	304.08	299.11	272.31	42.0	41.2	38.3	7.24	7.26	7.11
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	342.29	351.96	299.15	40.7	42.0	38.6	8.41	8.38	7.75
Household Appliances	246.65	239.77	228.69	38.6	37.7	37.8	6.39	6.36	6.05
Transportation Equipment	330.72	324.12	302.54	42.4	41.5	40.5	7.80	7.81	7.47
NONDURABLE GOODS	268.49	266.34	248.30	39.6	39.4	38.2	6.78	6.76	6.50
Food & Kindred Products	234.05	237.51	231.04	36.8	37.7	38.0	6.36	6.30	6.08
Meat Products	179.85	193.28	183.05	33.0	35.4	35.0	5.45	5.46	5.23
Meat Packing	337.00	342.21	307.53	41.4	42.3	40.2	8.14	8.09	7.65
Dairy Products	262.91	252.56	253.95	42.2	41.0	41.7	6.23	6.16	6.09
Grain Mill Products	301.92	304.64	280.37	44.4	44.8	43.2	6.80	6.80	6.49
Bakery Products	274.55	253.46	269.61	41.1	38.0	43.0	6.68	6.67	6.27
Beverages	454.35	425.52	391.98	44.5	41.8	41.7	10.21	10.18	9.40
Tobacco Manufacturers	426.92	427.35	362.34	35.4	37.0	33.0	12.06	11.55	10.98
Cigarettes	459.95	473.11	402.78	35.6	37.4	32.8	12.92	12.65	12.28
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	176.64	177.82	153.57	34.1	34.0	33.9	5.18	5.23	4.53
Textile Mill Products	253.94	251.65	234.00	40.5	40.2	39.0	6.27	6.26	6.00
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	284.69	280.83	255.71	41.2	40.7	39.1	6.91	6.90	6.54
Weaving Mills, Cotton	280.89	267.63	255.45	40.3	38.9	39.0	6.97	6.88	6.55
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	289.07	295.06	255.58	42.2	42.7	39.2	6.85	6.91	6.52
Knitting Mills	221.76	220.61	210.74	38.3	38.3	37.7	5.79	5.76	5.59
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	203.63	209.00	194.18	37.5	38.0	37.2	5.43	5.50	5.22
Hosiery, NEC	210.90	199.99	200.72	37.0	36.1	36.1	5.70	5.54	5.56
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	255.56	257.81	251.54	40.5	40.6	40.9	6.31	6.35	6.15
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	282.97	285.14	251.51	43.4	43.8	40.5	6.52	6.51	6.21
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	276.06	271.77	257.00	42.8	42.2	40.6	6.45	6.44	6.33
Yarn & Thread Mills	254.94	253.34	230.04	42.0	41.6	39.8	6.07	6.09	5.78
Apparel & Other Textile Products	186.13	184.00	171.96	37.3	36.8	35.9	4.99	5.00	4.79
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	186.07	183.60	174.31	36.7	36.0	35.5	5.07	5.10	4.91
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	176.75	174.11	162.59	36.9	36.5	35.5	4.79	4.77	4.58
Paper & Allied Products	452.30	447.89	424.20	43.2	43.4	42.0	10.47	10.32	10.10
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	570.68	547.36	573.92	44.9	44.0	44.0	12.71	12.44	11.68
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	331.80	332.32	286.16	43.6	43.9	39.8	7.61	7.57	7.19
Printing & Publishing	292.74	283.88	272.46	39.4	37.8	38.0	7.43	7.51	7.17
Newspapers	265.44	261.41	253.55	33.6	33.3	33.1	7.90	7.85	7.66
Chemicals & Allied Products	357.69	356.40	350.38	40.1	40.5	40.6	8.92	8.80	8.63
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	409.45	401.70	398.27	40.3	41.2	42.1	10.16	9.75	9.46
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	360.39	357.00	313.86	42.7	42.5	38.7	8.44	8.40	8.11
MINING	274.09	280.12	263.78	36.4	37.3	37.9	7.53	7.51	6.96
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	444.64	441.41	403.56	41.4	41.1	40.6	10.74	10.74	9.94
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	190.49	187.02	193.89	32.9	32.2	33.2	5.79	5.79	5.84
Wholesale Trade	291.80	285.71	263.81	39.7	39.3	38.4	7.35	7.27	6.87
Retail Trade	162.75	160.21	161.70	31.0	30.4	30.8	5.25	5.27	5.25
General Merchandise Stores	144.21	141.00	141.12	28.9	28.2	29.4	4.99	4.00	4.80
Variety Stores	119.73	111.61	109.89	30.7	28.4	29.7	3.90	3.93	3.70
Food Stores	185.36	189.32	187.57	31.1	31.5	31.9	5.96	6.01	5.88
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	117.89	116.10	121.70	27.1	27.0	28.5	4.35	4.30	4.27
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	174.19	173.00	160.61	34.7	34.6	33.6	5.02	5.00	4.78

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